

Hats off to the fashionable ladies of Aruba!



Governor's wife, Clarette Refunjol



First Lady Doina Eman keeps it simple



Minister Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar



Mrs. Mike de Meza



A dazzling smile and hat from Mrs. Otmar Oduber



Mrs. Benny Sevinger



Parliamentarian Lorna Varlack



Genevieve Lieuw of the Dutch Delegation to Aruba



A feather arrangement for Mrs. Juan David Yrausquin



Candy, wife of parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn



Secretary of Parliament Jacqueline Bastien



Nicole Hoevertz



Maybelline Arends Croes of the organizing committee

The first day at Ascot has nothing on a national holiday memorial service on Aruba when it comes to millinery fashion. Stylish headwear for the ladies is de rigueur among women of note when attending official events, a tradition even a new generation not only respects, but in which they also revel.

The Betico Croes Day official protocol ceremony was no exception, and many demonstrated their fashion

sense when it comes to topping off the perfect outfit. Even Aruba's First Lady, Doina Eman-Neagoy, who marches to a different drum and can be counted on to be tasteful and understated in her fancy dress, acknowledged this millenary must with a sparkling ribbon and a few feathers. Perhaps she will start a trend?

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